SUBJECT No. 134.

Fencing on either side of Mysore-Arsikere Railway.

Mr. Bale Siddalingasetti, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To ensure safety to the cattle of the villages adjoining the Mysore-Arsikere Railway, proper fencing may be ordered to be put up on either side of the line.

Mr. Bale Siddalinga Setty.—The whole railway line should be fenced in order to avoid cattle being run over and killed.

Second Member.—Aloe hedges should not be put up as they would harbour snakes. For a mile or two from each station, there is fencing. We cannot do more than this.

Reply of Government.—Wire fencing is very costly and Government cannot do anything more as it is not practicable. The people should take care of their cattle.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Levy of Railway cess.

Mr. N. Rama Rao, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion—Railway cess may be levied in all the districts and Railway lines extended all over the State.

Mr. N. Rama Rao.—We in Kolar are paying railway cess whereas some of the districts are not paying any cess. Railway cess should be levied in other districts also and railway lines extended throughout the Province. If no cess is levied in other districts, Government should abolish the cess in our district also.

Reply of Government.—The cess is levied by the District Board and Government only agreed to what the Board proposed. Government cannot take any action on the present suggestion.

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SUBJECT No. 136.

Election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Municipalities.

(1) Messrs. B. Venkatramaniah and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

(2) Mr. V. Nageswara Iyer, Kolar Municipality.

(3) Mr. G. Girumaji Rao, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The privilege of electing their Presidents may be given to all Municipalities.

(2) The nomination of the Municipal President and Vice-President should always be with the consent of the Councils concerned.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner of the district should always be the President of the District Headquarter Municipality.

Reply of Government.—(1) and (2) If in any district there is a desire for a non-official President, Government will give a non-official President. Deputy Commissioners have no objection. The Municipal bodies may pass resolutions and send up.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of City Municipalities by rate-payers.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of City Municipalities may be elected by the rate-payers instead of by the Municipal Councillors.

Reply of Government.—The regulation will have to be amended. Under the law as it stands this is not

possible. The amendment of the Regulation will be coming before the Legislative Council in due course. An amendment to this effect may be proposed in that connection, if the members desire it.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Decentralization of Municipal work.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal work may be decentralized by the formation of Division and Mohalla Committees.

Mr. M. Krishnamurthi Rao.—A Committee should be formed for each mohalla or ward for municipal work. It is not always possible for a Municipal Councillor to give opinions about the conditions of the mohallas of which he is not a resident. If Committees are formed in each mohalla it would be easy for them to know the various wants and needs and settle accordingly. The mohalla Committees should of course be subordinate to the Municipal Council.

Reply of Government.—The proposal for a Ward Committee as in Bengal will be referred to the Legislative Department in connection with the amendment bill.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Constitution of Trust Boards for important mofussil towns.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, A. Narayanaiengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingra Char, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatessiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Maralusiddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board, B. Ananthakesava Char, H. Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk; B. Anantharamaiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

(2) Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

(3) Messrs. B. Venkataramaniah and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) There are at present City Improvement Trusts for Bangalore and Mysore Cities alone. The claims of other District Headquarter and important moffussil towns are equally urgent, and Trust Boards may be immediately constituted for them all.

(2) A grant of one lakh of rupees may be sanctioned every year, as is done in the case of Bangalore and Mysore Municipalities, for effecting improvements of moffussil taluk Municipalities which are not in a very unsatisfactory condition, by allotting Rs. 10,000 to each such Municipality for the purpose.

(3) The special grant of 1½ lakhs given at present to Municipalities may be increased to 3 lakhs, as 1½ lakhs is scarcely sufficient.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—Trust Boards are established in Mysore and Bangalore. The other districts too may be given the concession of having Trust Boards in addition to District Boards and given funds for improvement.

Dewan.—If for each town we create statutory bodies, there will be friction. In big towns the work is of great magnitude and so there are Trust Boards but not always. Even in Bombay they have abolished the Trust Board. Under the Municipal Regulation you can raise loans. It is the policy of Government to give more money for objects like water-supply, drainage, etc.

Mr. Girimaji Rao.—About Rs. 25,000 is allotted for the sanitation of Kolar District with 17,000 villages, *i.e.*, Rs. 1½ for every village. The allotment should be raised.